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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

December 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the review of the above subject patent application, please make the following amendments:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a divisional application of Serial No.09/997,930 filed 11/30/2001 which is a non-provisional application of provisional application number 60/259,310 filed 12/31/2000.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-13 and 18-26.